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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 October 2008.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/6/2008 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

In response to applicants arguments about Tamer not teaching a directly readable, intelligible descriptor message that provides immediate access to the selected program, Tamer teaches the decryptor receiving and interpreting Entitlement messages. The processed data allowing/disallowing display of data.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1 – 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tamer, patent number: US 6 671 881 B1 in view of Young, publication number: US 2003/0159147 A1.

As per claim 1, Tamer teaches a system for selecting and confirming an impulse purchase for pay television, the system comprising:

Means for selection by the user of a program of a particular choice of the user, the choice confirmed in the system by an entitlement management message, the message being specific to an impulse purchase (selecting programs from an EPG, col. 3, lines 30 – 59, EMM, col. 4, lines 42 – 49, 54 - 57),

Wherein the entitlement management message specific to the impulse purchase is exclusively contained in data tied to the presentation of the program listing (entitlement for specific programs, col. 4, lines 65 - 68) and which comprises a directly readable, intelligible descriptor message that provides immediate access to the selected program (smart card interpreting entitlement information to allow access to media, col. 4, lines 42 - 67).

Tamer does not teach a display device for presentation to a user a listing of programs. In an analogous art, Young teaches a display device for presentation to a user a listing of programs (display and guide, [0073- 0074], [0139]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Tamer by including a system that allows available programs to be viewed on a display, as described by Young's television schedule system, for the advantages of improving system interactivity and giving the user a better idea of the available programs.

As per claim 2, the combination of Tamer and Young teach System according to Claim 1, wherein the entitlement management message is used locally in a hardware subassembly installed at the user's premises, the hardware subassembly comprising a security module in which is stored subscriber authorizations and subscriptions profile relating to the user (Tamer: smart card apparatus 31, col. 4, lines 42 – 49, Fig. 3).

As per claim 3, the combination of Tamer and Young teach System according to Claim 1, wherein the entitlement management message specific to the impulse purchase includes a notification to authorize viewing, or veto of the viewing authorization (Tamer: EMM for determining programs viewers are entitled to, col. 4, lines 54 - 57).

As per claim 4, the combination of Tamer and Young teach system according to Claim 1, wherein the entitlement management message (EMM) comprises conditions defining the authorization of viewing and conditions of cancellation of the authorization (Tamer: authorization, col. 4, line 65 - 67).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to OLUGBENGA O. IDOWU whose telephone number is (571)270-1450. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 7am - 5pm Est.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Pendleton can be reached on 571 272 7527. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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